

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) for allegations of irregularities in purchase of Pesticides and Fertilizers and incurring unauthorized expenditure – Awarding of Penalty – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1065

Dated: 04-08-2010
Read the following:-

- 1) From Director General,G.A.(V&E)Dept.,V.R.No.157 (1034/V&E/D2/2005), dt.19-10-2005.
- 2) GORt.No.286, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dt.29-03-2006.
- 3) From Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, AMC, Tadepalligudem and JDM(Retired), Written statement of defence, dt.24-05-2006.
- 4) Govt.Memo No.17033/Vig.II(1)/2005-4, dt.25-07-2007.
- 5) Govt.Memo No.17033/Vig.II(1)/2005-9,, dt.07-05-2008.
- 6) From Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, C.O.I. Inquiry Report, dt.09-01-2009.
- 7) Govt.Memo No.17033/Vig.II(1)/2005-12, dt.02-02-2009.
- 8) From Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, AMC,Tadepalligudem, and JDM(Retired), Representation, dt.12-04-2009.
- 9) Govt.Memo No.17033/Vig.II(1)/2005-15, dt.16-09-2009.
- 10) From Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, AMC, Tadepalligudem, and JDM(Retired), Representation, dt.03-11-2009.
- 11) Govt.Letter No.17033/Vig.II(1)/2005-19, dt.27-05-2010.
- 12) From Secretary, APPSC, Hyd. Lr.No.800/RT-I/1/2010, dt.23-06-2010.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, while working as Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem had committed certain irregularities in purchase of Pesticides and Fertilizers and incurred unauthorized expenditure. Accordingly, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings by framing the following article of charge against him vide reference 2nd read above:-

Article of Charge: *“That Sri A.Ganapathy Rao, while working as Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem during the period from 1991 to 2003, now Retired as Joint Director of Marketing has purchased bulk quantities of pesticides & fertilizers without any demand from the farmers duly violating the guidelines communicated by the Commissioner and Director of Marketing, which caused loss in the form of expired pesticides and damaged fertilizers worth Rs.1,86,609/- and also incurred unauthorized expenditure of Rs.2,93,100/- from Govt. revolving fund which caused irregular expenditure to the Government. He failed to discharge his duties. By the above Sri A.Ganapathi Rao behaved in a manner unbecoming on part of an employee and thereby violated Rule 3 of A.P.C.S(Conduct) Rules, 1964”.*

2. The Charged Officer Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem has submitted his written statement of defence denying the charge framed against him.

3. As the written statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer was not found convincing, Government have appointed Sri S. Satyanarayana, Member, Commissionerate of Inquiry as Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem. Subsequently, Government issued revised orders appointing Smt. Chandana Khan, I.A.S., Commissionerate of Inquiry as Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry in the matter in place of Sri S. Satyanarayana, Member, Commissionerate of Inquiry, who demitted the office.

4. Smt. Chandana Khan, I.A.S., Commissionerate of Inquiry, after conducting inquiry, has submitted the inquiry report concluding that the charge is held proved against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired). In the reference 7th read above, while communicating a copy of the inquiry report, the Charged Officer was requested to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his representation on the findings of the Inquiry Authority and requested to drop further action against him.

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6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension permanently against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the defence put forth by the Charged Officer was not convincing and deserve no merit. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, a Show Cause Notice was issued to Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) with a direction to show cause as to why the above proposed penalty should not be imposed against them under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his representation to the Show Cause Notice and requested to drop further action against them

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, with reference to record of inquiry, findings of the Inquiry Officer and representation submitted by the Charged Officers, have decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension permanently against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, the matter was referred to the A.P.Public Service Commission for their concurrence duly furnishing the records vide reference 11th read above.

9. The A.P.Public Service Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension permanently against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) vide reference 12th read above.

10. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension permanently against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of 10% pension permanently against Sri A. Ganapathy Rao, Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and Joint Director of Marketing(Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

12. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K. R. KISHORE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A. Ganapathy Rao,
Ex-Secretary, A.M.C., Tadepalligudem and
Joint Director of Marketing(Retired)
(Through: The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad)

Copy to:-
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad.
The General Administration(V&E)Department.
The Secretary, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER